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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Book of Kings

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3<sup>rd</sup> yr (606 B.C.)

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1<sup>st</sup> Siege

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(Jeconiah)

Blood Curse: Jer 22:30

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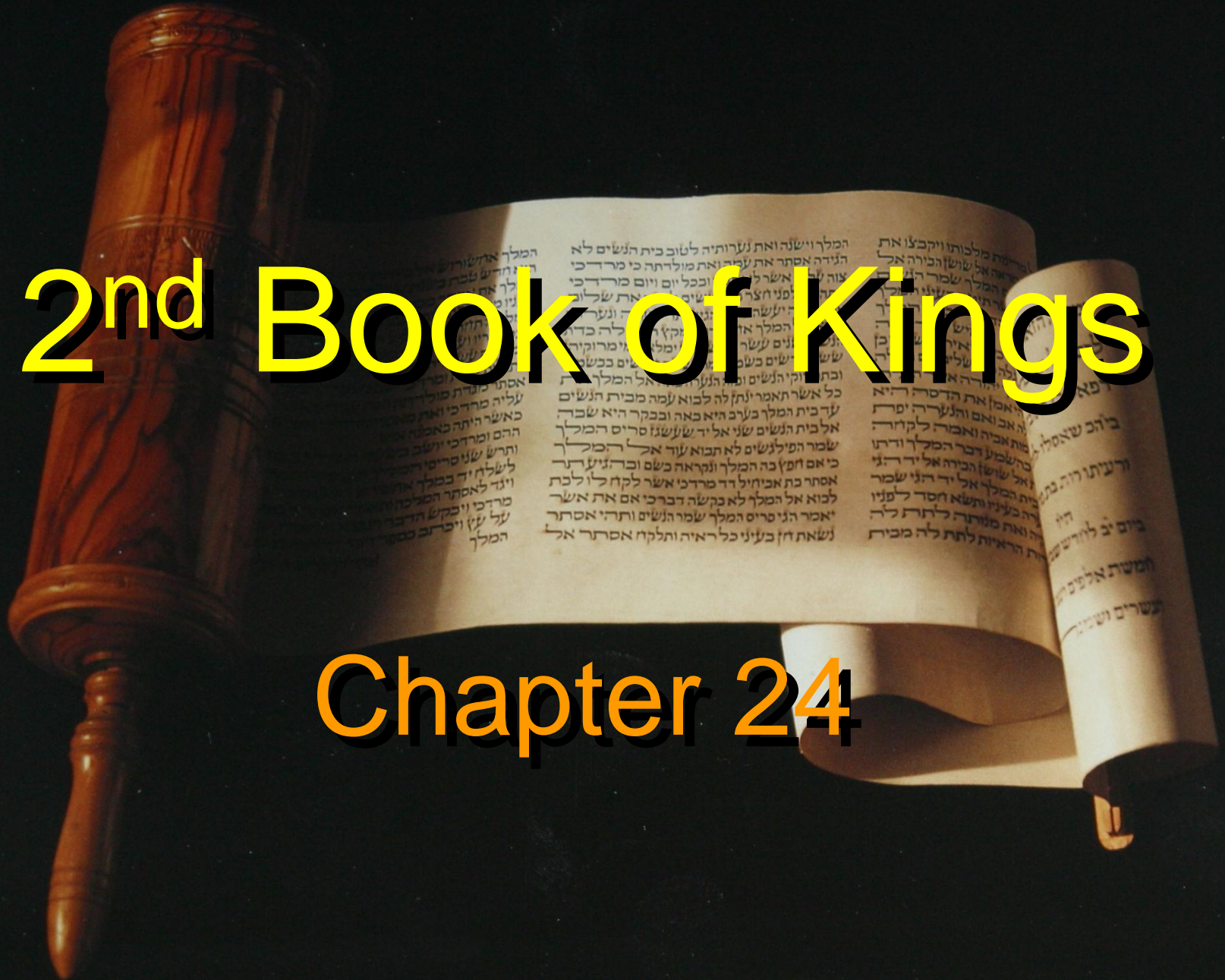
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Finally taken captive in final siege

587 B.C.

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## Chapter 24



*I In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years: then he turned and rebelled against him.*

**2 Kings 24:1**

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# Chronology

- **612 BC:** Nineveh falls to an alliance of Babylon and Media
- **609 BC:** Pharaoh Necho leads army against Assyria
  - Josiah fights Necho and gets killed  
2 Chron 35:20-24
- **606 BC:** Battle of Carchemesh
  - Nebuchadnezzar vs Pharaoh Necho
  - W bank of Euphrates  
Jer 46:1-6

<sup>2</sup> And the LORD sent against him bands of the Chaldees, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by his servants the prophets.

**2 Kings 24:2**



**3** Surely at the commandment of the LORD came this upon Judah, to remove them out of his sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did;

**4** And also for the innocent blood that he shed: for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which the LORD would not pardon.

**2 Kings 24:3-4**

*5 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?*

*6 So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.*

*7 And the king of Egypt came not again any more out of his land: for the king of Babylon had taken from the river of Egypt unto the river Euphrates all that pertained to the king of Egypt.*

**2 Kings 24:5-7**

8 Jehoiachin was **eighteen years old** when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. And his mother's name was Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.

9 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done.

**2 Kings 24:8-9**

# Numerical Difficulties?

Exhibit 'A'

*9 Jehoiachin was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem: and he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD.*

**2 Chronicles 36:9**

# Numerical Difficulties?

Exhibit 'B'

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2 Kings 24:8

# Numerical Difficulties?

*“Jehoiachin, was eighteen years old when he ascended the throne (the eight years of the Chronicles are a slip of the pen)”*

– Keil & Delitzsch

# Numerical Difficulties?

*[Jehoiachin was eighteen years old] He is called Jeconiah, 1 Chron 3:16, and Coniah, Jer 22:24. In 2 Chron 36:9, he is said to be only eight years of age, but this must be a mistake; for we find that, having reigned only three months, he was carried captive to Babylon, and there he had wives; and it is very improbable that a child between eight and nine years of age could have wives; and of such a tender age, it can scarcely be said that, as a king, he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord. The place in Chronicles must be corrupted"*

*- Adam Clarke*

# Numerical Difficulties?

*Eighteen years old when he began to reign. At the age of eight his father took him into partnership in the government (2 Chron 36:9). He began to reign alone at eighteen.*

*- Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown*

Proposed resolution:

- Co-Regency?



Let a man question the inspiration of the Scriptures and a curious, even monstrous, inversion takes place: thereafter he judges the Word instead of letting the Word judge him; he determines what the Word should teach instead of permitting it to determine what he should believe; he edits, amends, strikes out, adds at his pleasure; but always he sits above the Word and makes it amenable to him instead of kneeling before God and becoming amenable to the Word.

(Tozer, "The Wrath of God, What is it?",  
"Man the Dwelling Place of God," chapter 26.)

# Numerical Difficulties?

- What we do know:
- Jehoiachin was 18 yrs old when he became king of Judah
- He reigned 3mts 10days
- Then king Nebuchadnezzar came & took him captive to Babylon
- He was the first king of Judah to come to the throne as a vassal king

# Numerical Difficulties?

Exhibit 'A'

<sup>9</sup> Jehoiachin was eight years old when he began to reign,

2 Chronicles 36:9

Heb: בן ben (bane) Lit: 'a son'

*"Of literal and figurative relationship, including grandson, subject, nation, etc.,"*

*"Jehoiachin was 8 yrs a 'son'..."*

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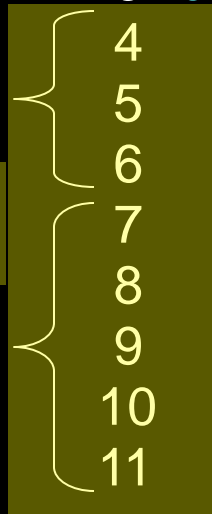
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*“Jehoiachin was 8 yrs ‘subject’ ...”*

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→ 3mts 11d.

# Numerical Difficulties?

- The only 'problem' that exists here is with our understanding
- This is not a contradiction
- There is no need to 'correct' the text
- God's Word has been preserved!

# God Breathed

**16** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

**2 Timothy 3:16**

# Uncorrupted

- 5 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.*
- 6 Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.*

**Proverbs 30:5-6**

**10** At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city was besieged.

**11** And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against the city, and his servants did besiege it.

**12** And Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his officers: and **the king of**  
**Babylon** took him in the eighth year **of his reign.**

**2 Kings 24:10-12**



**13** And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, as the LORD had said.

**14** And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valour, even ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths: none remained, save the poorest sort of the people of the land.

**15** And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the mighty of the land, those carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon.

**16** And all the men of might, even seven thousand, and craftsmen and smiths a thousand, all that were strong and apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon.

**2 Kings 24:15-16**

*17 And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his father's brother king in his stead, and changed his name to Zedekiah.*

*18 Zedekiah was twenty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.*

**2 Kings 24:17-18**

# Precise Chronology

606 **First Siege**

605 **Nebuchadnezzar made king**

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*“Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned **eleven** years in Jerusalem“*

*Chron 36:5*

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606	<b>First Siege</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Yr of Jehoiakim	2nd	596
605	<b>Nebuchadnezzar made king</b>	4th	3rd	595
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*Kings 24:18*

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9 <sup>th</sup> 597	<b>Second Siege</b>	Zedekiah king 1 <sup>st</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Final Siege</b> 587	19 <sup>th</sup>

*“Now in the fifth month, in the tenth day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzar-adan, captain of the guard, which served the king of Babylon, into Jerusalem, And burned the house of the LORD, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, and all the houses of the great men, burned he with fire”*

*Jer 52:12-13*

*19 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.*

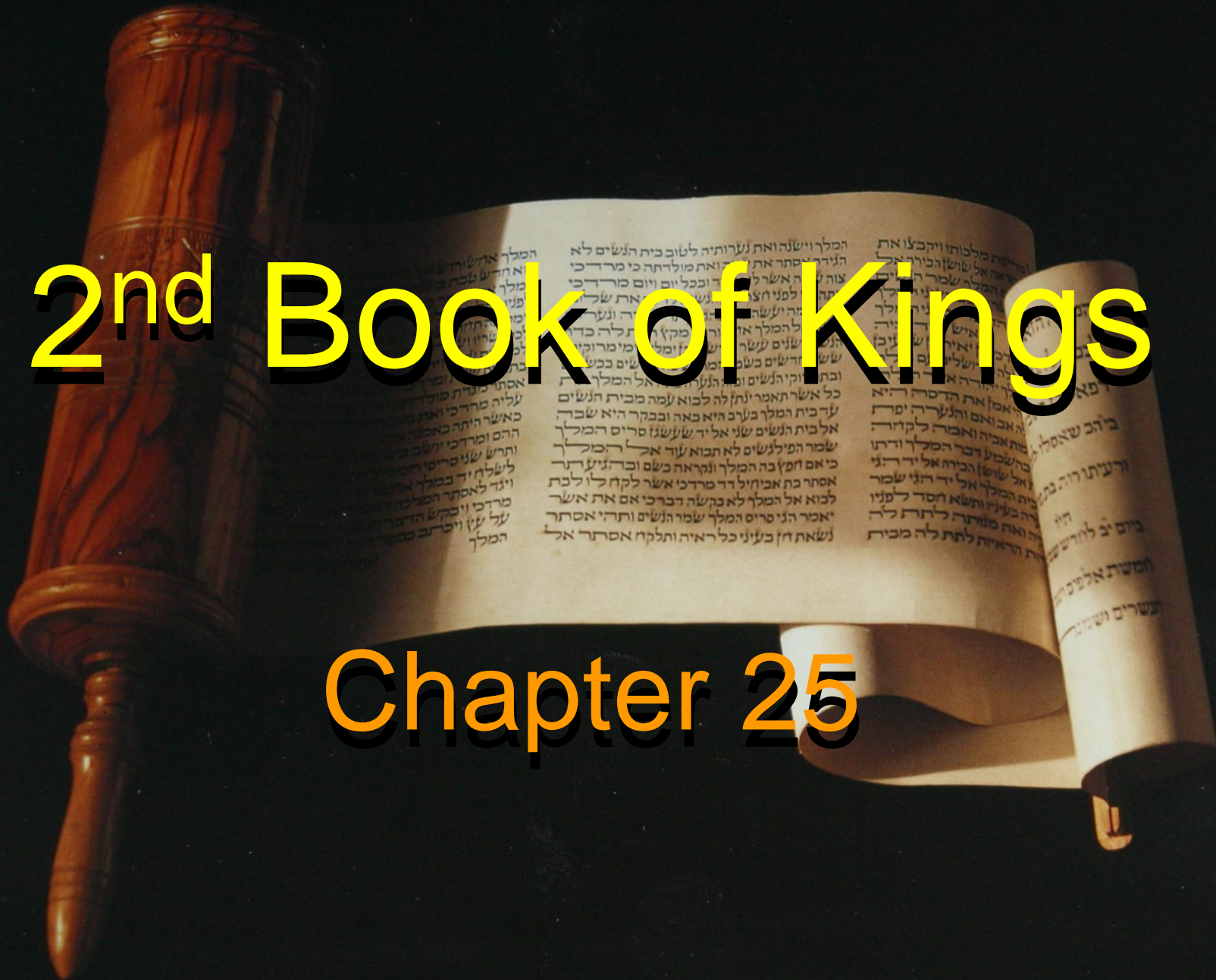
*20 For through the anger of the LORD it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.*

**2 Kings 24:19-20**



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Book of Kings

## Chapter 25



<sup>1</sup> And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his host, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it; and they built forts against it round about.

<sup>2</sup> And the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

**2 Kings 24:1-2**

*3 And on the ninth day of the fourth month the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land.*

*4 And the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled by night by the way of the gate between two walls, which is by the king's garden: (now the Chaldees were against the city round about:) and the king went the way toward the plain.*

**2 Kings 24:3-4**

*5 And the army of the Chaldees pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were scattered from him.*

*6 So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave judgment upon him.*

*7 And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon.*

**2 Kings 24:5-7**

# Strange Prophecy?

<sup>13</sup> My net also will I spread upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare: and I will bring him to Babylon to the land of the Chaldeans; yet shall he not see it, though he shall die there.

**Ezekiel 12:13**

*8 And in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which is the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem:*

*9 And he burnt the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great man's house burnt he with fire.*

**2 Kings 24:8-9**

**10** And all the army of the Chaldees, that were with the captain of the guard, brake down the walls of Jerusalem round about.

**11** Now the rest of the people that were left in the city, and the fugitives that fell away to the king of Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, did Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carry away.

**12** But the captain of the guard left of the poor of the land to be vinedressers and husbandmen.

**2 Kings 24:10-12**

**13** And the pillars of brass that were in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and the brasen sea that was in the house of the LORD, did the Chaldees break in pieces, and carried the brass of them to Babylon.

**14** And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away.

**15** And the firepans, and the bowls, and such things as were of gold, in gold, and of silver, in silver, the captain of the guard took away.

**2 Kings 24:13-15**



*16 The two pillars, one sea, and the bases which Solomon had made for the house of the LORD; the brass of all these vessels was without weight.*

*17 The height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits, and the chapter upon it was brass: and the height of the chapter three cubits; and the wreathen work, and pomegranates upon the chapter round about, all of brass: and like unto these had the second pillar with wreathen work.*

**2 Kings 24:16-17**

**18** And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the door:

**19** And out of the city he took an officer that was set over the men of war, and five men of them that were in the king's presence, which were found in the city, and the principal scribe of the host, which mustered the people of the land, and threescore men of the people of the land that were found in the city:

**2 Kings 24:18-19**

**20** And Nebuzar-adan captain of the guard took these, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah:

**21** And the king of Babylon smote them, and slew them at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away out of their land.

**22** And as for the people that remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, ruler.

**2 Kings 24:20-22**

*23 And when all the captains of the armies, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, there came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Careah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men.*

*24 And Gedaliah swore to them, and to their men, and said unto them, Fear not to be the servants of the Chaldees: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon; and it shall be well with you.*

*<sup>25</sup> But it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, came, and ten men with him, and smote Gedaliah, that he died, and the Jews and the Chaldees that were with him at Mizpah.*

*<sup>26</sup> And all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the armies, arose, and came to Egypt: for they were afraid of the Chaldees.*

**2 Kings 24:25-26**

*27 And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, that Evil-merodach king of Babylon in the year that he began to reign did lift up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison;*

**2 Kings 24:27**

*28 And he spake kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon;  
29 And changed his prison garments: and he did eat bread continually before him all the days of his life.  
30 And his allowance was a continual allowance given him of the king, a daily rate for every day, all the days of his life.*

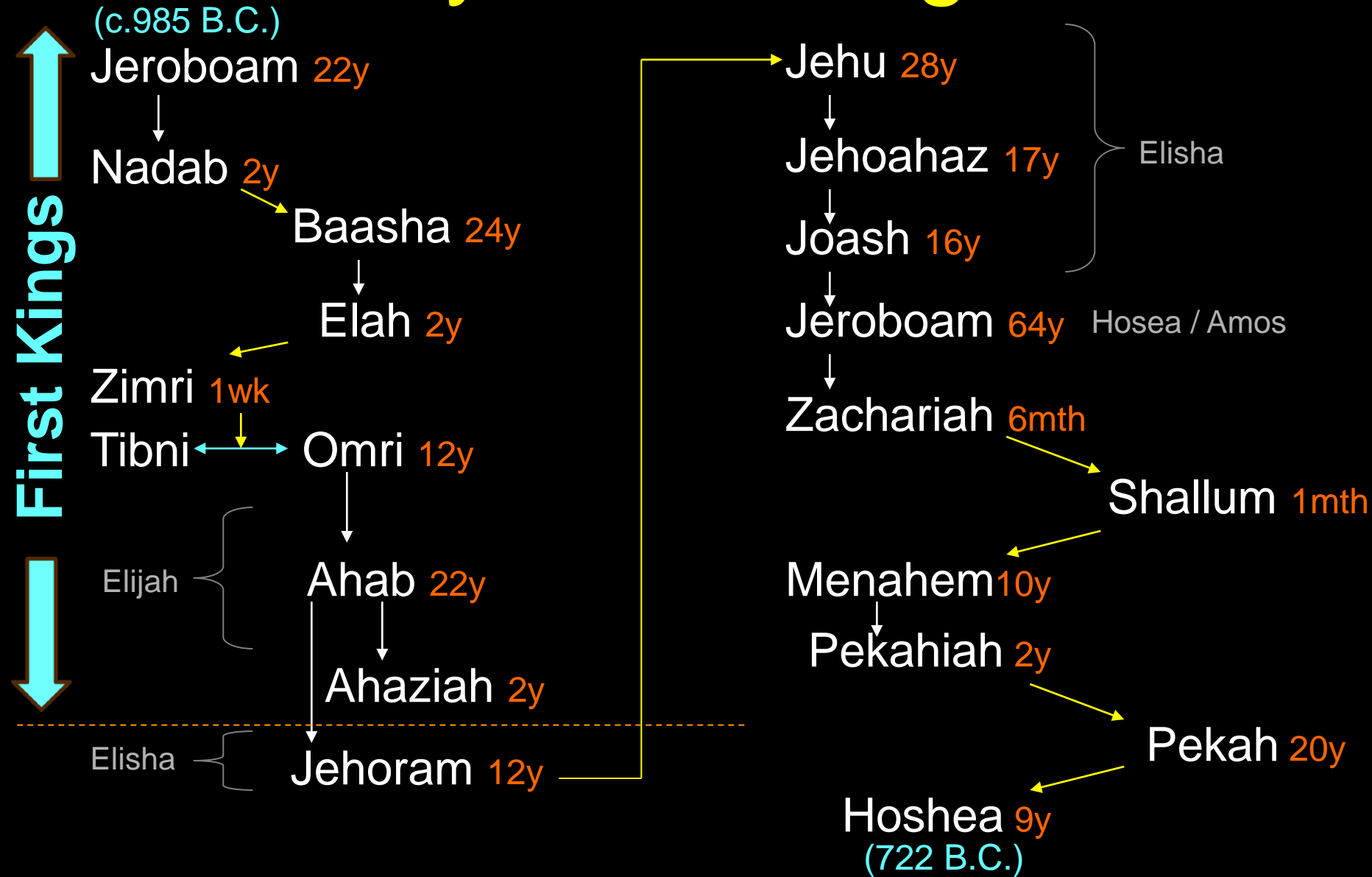
**2 Kings 24:28-30**

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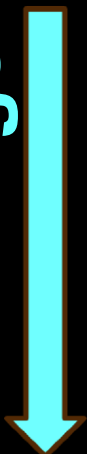


# The History of the Kings of Israel



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1st Kings



(c.985 B.C.)  
Rehoboam 17y

Abijam 3y

Asa 41y

Jehoshaphat 25y

Jehoram 8y

Ahaziah 1y

Q. Athaliah 6y

Jehoash 40y

Amaziah 29y

Isaiah Hosea Amos (Uzziah) Azariah 52y

Micah  
Hosea  
Isaiah

Jotham 16y

Ahaz 16y

Hezekiah 29y  
(722 B.C.) Israel go into captivity

Manasseh 55y

Amon 2y

Zephaniah

Josiah 31y

Jehoahaz 3mts

Jeremiah

(Eliakim) Jehoiakim 11y

Jehoiachin 3mts (606 B.C.)

Zedekiah 11y (587 B.C.)



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